

MTS. INYO (11,107') & KEYNOT (11,101'), May 2-3

JWR

Mt. Inyo, second loftiest point of the Sierra-parallel Inyo Range, was the main target of 17 Desert Peakers and guests over the clear but cold first weekend in May. For those in superb condition, neighboring Mt. Keynot provided a secondary but no less strenuous destination.

16 backpackers struggled up the steep and loose southeast ridge with a chilling wind at their backs Saturday. The pack from the 5000-foot roadhead to the 9500-foot campsite in a tree-shaded hanging canyon just below the crest of the range was completed by mid-afternoon. Most of the party rested in camp that afternoon. Two tigers, Ken McMutt and Sid Davis, decided to make Saturday worthwhile and ascended both Inyo and Keynot that same day, returning to camp weary but satisfied after dark. That night temperatures got down to between 13 and 17 degrees above, depending on whose thermometer one relied on.

Sunday morning dawned clear and mild, allaying fears that a storm was brewing. 13 of the party made the 1600-foot climb of Inyo in less than two hours to enjoy a superb panorama of the magnificent Sierra crest. Helen Siemens was presented her emblem in a surprise ceremony on top with husband Abe looking on. Bill Heusel, who had previously climbed Inyo, ascended Keynot instead, arriving back in camp shortly after the main party.

The descent was highlighted by a tremendous talus run, and the cars were reached by an early two p.m.

Leaders of this fifth scheduled DPS trip to Mt. Inyo were John Robinson and Frank Sanborn. (Other trips to Inyo were in 1956, 1957, 1960, & 1961.)

MONO CRATERS (9172'), May 23-24

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The joint SPS-DPS outing to Mono Craters and Bloody Mtn. turned out to be quite successful; More of these joint-section outings should be scheduled in the future was the consensus of the large group that showed up.

40 persons caravanned to a point just northeast of Crater Mtn., highest of the Mono Craters, Saturday morning under clear, warm skies. 32 of the group followed leader Frank Sanborn at a leisurely pace up semi-loose pumice slopes to the rocky highpoint. Four China Lakers who were making a traverse of all the major craters met the group on top, raising the summit sitter total to a healthy 36. According to the register, this was the largest party to ever make the ascent. After basking under the warm sun on top for a while, the group leisurely descended to the cars for the caravan to Hot Creek for a refreshing swim. Many considered the swim the high-point of the weekend.

Saturday night most of the large group car-camped at Sherwin Creek Public Camp, a few miles south of Mammoth Village. Sunday the SPS took over for their half of the trip - a rather strenuous 5000-foot ascent of Bloody Mtn. 32 climbed Bloody under threatening skies, but fortunately the weather didn't close in. After slipping and sliding over several thousand feet of loose talus, Bloody was voted the cruddiest (loosest) mountain in the Sierra. Everyone was down and on their way home by mid-afternoon, satisfied with another enjoyable weekend away from it all.



JUNE 6-7 BLACK MTN. SPS  
FRANK BROSSL & FRANK SANBORN

**JUNE 6-7 SAT.-SUN. DESERT PEAKS**  
White Mtn. Peak (14,242')—Joint trip with Riverside Chapter. 10 a.m. is time of rendezvous on Westgard Pass 14 mi. east of Big Pine at turn-off to Ancient Bristlecone Forest. Caravan up steep road on backbone of White Mts. Visit Shulman Grove of oldest bristlecone pines enroute to campsite at old cabin in Big Prospector Meadow, or at Largest Bristlecone Pine, if snow conditions permit. Early Sun. drive as far as road is passable and hike remaining distance to peak, some 4 to 6 mi. farther. Take all water needed beyond Big Pine. Only cars with good tires and brakes and cool running, good conditioned motors should attempt trip. Drive 600 mi. Leader: BOB BEAR. Asst.: HUGH PARSHALL. Trans.: Leaders.

**JUNE 20-21 SAT. SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Lippincott (12,267')—Mt. Eisen (12,160')—6:00 a.m.: A very strenuous "extended adventure" into the spectacular Great Western Divide for two qualifying peaks. Meet Mineral King at foot of Sawtooth Pass trail. Knapsack over Glacier Pass to Black Rock Pass via Spring Lake. Drop packs at pass, ascend Mt. Eisen via Class 1 ridge, return to packs, camp at largest of Little Five Lakes. Some wood, plenty water. Sun. get early start to climb Mt. Lippincott via Class 2 route, steep scramble. Knapsack out same route as in. Not for beginners or those not in good physical shape. Ice axe, lug soles mandatory. Contact leader before going. Driving: 450 miles; hiking 16 miles knapsacking, 7 miles trailless minus packs. Total gain: 9000'. First time scheduled. Leader and Trans.: FRANK SANBORN. Asst.: JOHN ROBINSON.

**JUNE 27-28 SAT.-SUN. DESERT PEAKS SECTION**  
Waucoba Mtn. (11,123'): Sun. we'll climb highest peak in Inyo Range, partly by trail. Fine views of snowy Sierra. Sat. by 10 a.m. there will be arrows at Olancha leading to hot springs, "Dirty Socks", for swimming. Tour Eastern Calif. Museum in Independence with fine Indian, Gold Rush and Early Calif. artifacts. Meet Sat. night 17 miles east of Independence on Mazourka Canyon Rd. Steep, desert road. Bring wood and water. Hiking 16 miles. Driving 460 mi. Leaders: TOM & TRUDIE HUNT.

**JUNE 27-28 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Whitney (14,495') via Mountaineers Class 3 route—7 a.m.: Restricted. Only S.P.S. safety committee approved 3rd class climbers. Call PHIL CLAYTON for approval and meeting place. Participants must be in good conditions for 4500 ft. gain to Sat. campsite. Bring stoves, ice axe, crampons, boots with lug soles. Sun. climb peak via min. 3rd class route, 1700' gain. Leaders: RON DICKENSON & PHIL CLAYTON

**JULY 3-4-5 FRI.-SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Hooper (12349'), Mt. Senger (12291')—8 a.m.: Meet at Florence Lake boatdock for ride across lake—(about \$3.00 round trip) saving about 10 mi. of walking. Delightful backpack along Muir trail to Sally Keyes Lake where we will camp. Ascend leisurely Mt. Hooper Sat.—Class 2. Climb Senger on Sun. and return to cars. Many possible side trips for non-climbers. Backpackers, Campers, Fishermen (Golden Trout), Hikers welcome. Wood-water. Hiking total 20 mi. to camp and back, 8 miles total to peaks. Driving about 595 mi. First time scheduled. Lug soles required. Leader: JOHN WEDBERG

**JULY 11-12 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Twin Peaks (12,314'), Virginia Pk. (12,001')—8 a.m.: A joint trip with the Mother Lode Chapter to climb two qualifying peaks in the scenic wilderness of northern Yosemite. Meet Sat. at Green Creek roadhead. Turn off US 395 approx. 21 mi. north of Leevining. Backpack 5 mi. over Virginia Pass to timbered campsite at upper end of Virginia Canyon. Climb Virginia Peak Sat. afternoon, Twin Peaks Sun. Climbing class 2, possibly same class 3. Hiking 14 mi. total. Driving 700 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON (Angeles) and JERRY KEATING (Mother Lode). Trans.: TOM AMNEUS.

**JULY 18-19 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Ritter (13,157')—8:00 a.m.: This emblem offers an excellent view of the beautiful Ritter-Banner area. Meet at end of road in Agnew Meadows Sat. We backpack six mi. to camp at Lake Ediza. Rock or ice and snow practice, depending on conditions Sat. afternoon. Early start, Sun. to climb Mt. Ritter, return to cars. Hiking 12 mi. Sun. Driving 640 mi. Ice axe and lug soles mandatory. Leader: PHIL CLAYTON. Asst.: JESS LOGAN.

**JULY 25-26 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Duck Lake (10,427') 9:00 a.m.: One of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the Sierra. Surrounded by jagged un-named peaks. Fabulous spot for sunbathing, cold plunging, fishing, crab bagging, etc. Easy 5 mi., 1700' gain, backpack for beginners. Also, delightful car campsites at Mammoth Lakes. Meet at end of road SE of Lake Mary. Driving 600 mi. Leaders: MILES BRUBACHER and LEE OWINGS.

**AUG. 8-9 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Julius Caesar (13,196')—8 a.m.: The first scheduling of this recently named peak on the Sierra Crest overlooking Lake Italy. Meet at Pine Creek trailhead Sat. Turn off US 395 approx. 9 mi. north of Bishop. Backpack 6 mi. to campsite in spectacular Granite Park. Sun. hike to Italy Pass, scramble up south slopes of Julius Caesar class 2). Hiking 17 mi. total. Driving 500 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and FRANK SANBORN. Trans.: TOM AMNEUS.

**AUG. 12 WED. SIERRA PEAKS**  
"Ten Years of Sierra Peak Bagging" a la JOHN ROBINSON and FRANK SANBORN. Refresh. JESS LOGAN

**AUG. 22-23 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Devil's Postpile, Minaret, Iceberg, Ediza, Shadow Lakes — Circle Tour — 8:30 a.m.: Bring camera for some of the finest scenery in the Sierra including the Minarets, Mt. Ritter and Banner Pk. Meet Sat. at Agnew Meadow for short car shuttle; knapsack to camp at beautiful Minaret Lake; 7 mi. 2400' gain. Sun. pack past Iceberg, Ediza and Shadow Lakes to cars; 10 mi. 1000' gain, mostly on trail. Driving 600 mi. Leaders and trans.: TOM AMNEUS, GEORGE SHINNO.

**AUG. 29-30 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
Mt. Winchel (13,768'): Restricted 3rd class climb. LEADERS MUST BE CONTACTED TO MAKE CLIMB. Others welcome at Sam Mack Meadows, where we camp. 6½ mi. backpack to camp. Big Pine and Mt. Goddard topo maps cover area. Call leaders for more information. Driving 520 mi. Leaders: ARKEL ERB and GORDON MacLEOD.



# Sierra Peaks

## MT. JULIUS CAESER

August 8-9  
68 Sierrans and guests turned out for the trip to recently-named Mt. Julius Caesar (13,961'), on the Sierra crest west of Bishop. Led by John Robinson and Frank Sanborn, they made the 6 mile backpack up the steep Pine Creek trail, past sparkling Pine Lake, camped at scenic Honeymoon Lake by mid-afternoon. Several climbed nearby Mts. Royce and Merriam. The rest spent the afternoon fishing, swimming, or just loafing, among bubbling creeks, timberline pines, and gem-like lakes under a wilderness setting of granite cliffs.

Plans for the climb of Julius Caesar were side-tracked when Ellen Siegel awoke Sunday with a case of acute appendicitis. Fortunately, 3 doctors were present to treat her while two of the fastest, Arkel Erb and Ron Jones, went down to the tungsten mill at the roadhead for a helicopter. Several hours later a 'copter landed alongside Honeymoon Lake and took Ellen to the Bishop Hospital.

The leaders and 8 men stayed with Ellen until the helicopter arrived. Tom Ross led the rest up the peak. After Ellen's evacuation, 5 of her guardians also climbed the peak. 45 climbers signed the new Sierra Club register placed on top the grandly-named mountain.

The last of the group, tired but happy, reached the roadhead after 6 PM. Ellen underwent an emergency appendectomy Sunday afternoon, rested several days in the hospital, and returned home by the end of the week. She is now recovering rapidly and should be back in action soon.

John Robinson

## SEPT. 5-6-7 SAT.-SUN.-MON. SIERRA PEAKS

Mt. Goddard (13,568')—6 a.m.: The first scheduled trip to one of our remotest emblem peaks via the east approach. An EXTREMELY STRENUOUS TRIP; not for beginners. Meet end of road at North Lake. Knapsack over Lamarck Col to Sapphire Lake or (if party is strong) to Wanda Lake. Total knapsack Sat.: 18 mi. Sun., climb Goddard via a trailless, Class 2 route from Wanda Lake over Goddard Divide, thence up east slope of Goddard; return to camp. Mon., VERY EARLY departure from camp to return to cars at North Lake; 18 mi. knapsack. Total gain in elevation: 8300'. Ice axe and lug sole boots mandatory. Plenty of water on trip, but no wood. Leader: FRANK SANBORN. Trans.: MAUREEN BRUBACHER.

## SEPT. 19-20 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS

Junction Peak (13,888')—Class 3—Sat. a.m.: Hike to camp. Sun. climb peak and return. Restricted to those on approved third class list. Prior permission of leaders mandatory. Further instructions from leaders. Leader: GRAHAM STEPHENSON. Asst.: RUSS MOHN.

## NOV. 14-15 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS

Lamont Pk. (7468'), Pilot Knob (6212'), 8:00 a.m.: Meet Sat., Onyx Store on Hwy. 178 for 3000-ft. Class 2 scramble up Pilot Knob over huge granite boulders; carry lunch and water for summit. Camp by cars at Gilbert Forest Service Campground on northern edge of Kernville after dinner in Kernville, Sun. Class 1 trailless

OCT. 3-4 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS  
Mt. Starr (12,870') Class 2. South Mt. Morgan (13,748') Class 1-2: Meet 8 a.m. Sat. at Rock Creek Lake. Turn off at Tom's Place, 22 mi. N. of Bishop. Caravan to read head for ascent of Mt. Starr. 3370' elev. gain. Camp at cars Sat. Soak at Hot Creek Sat. aft., if time allows. Sun. climb S. Mt. Morgan for spectacular view, 4,248' elev. gain. Lug soles req'd. Driving 550 mi. Leaders: LOTHAR KOLBIG, MONROE LEVY

## OCT. 24-25 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS

Muach Mtn. (11,016') — Wonoga Pk. (10,371') —  
8:00 a.m.: An easy Sat. climb, Class 1, to a non-qualifier with a tremendous view of Whitney group and the desert. Meet at water fountain in center of Lone Pine, caravan to Carroll Creek roadhead. Pack lunch, camera and one quart of water to summit of Wonoga for at least a one-hour lunch break to enjoy the view. 4 mi. hike; at least 3 mi. on trail, 3100' gain. Return to cars, drive to Cottonwood Camp for Sat. eve. camp. Water, but no wood. Sun., climb a trailless, Class 2 ridge to Mt. Muach; carry lunch, 2-3 quarts water, warm clothes. An SPS qualifier. STRENUOUS; NOT FOR BEGINNERS. Sturdy boots a must. 12 mi., 5800' gain. Leader: FRANK SANBORN; Asst., RON JONES. Trans.: MAUREEN BRUBACHER.

## SIERRA PEAKS SECTION

*Purpose: To develop and expand interest and activity of the Sierra Club membership in the Sierra Nevada Range. To promote weekend knapsack trips and mountain climbs in the Sierra Nevada, and to cultivate close comradeship among hikers and mountaineers. To aid in the conservation and preservation of the wilderness areas of the Sierra, the maintenance of good trails and clean campsites, and the dissemination of general knowledge concerning the range.*

Membership: A Sierra Club member becomes a section member by climbing any six peaks on the SPS qualifying list, subscribing to The Sierra Echo, and by submitting written application along with \$1 subscription fee to the treasurer. Members must participate in at least one SPS activity each year to remain in good standing. Emblem status may be attained by climbing 10 of 14 designated peaks. The section meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Lemon Grove Playground Auditorium, 4959 Lemon Grove Ave. (at Hobart Blvd.).

The SPS offers a variety of trips, ranging from easy one-day climbs, to major ascents involving ice and snow or other techniques. Due to length, elevation gain, or technical difficulty of many SPS outings, it is urged that newcomers condition themselves before attempting an SPS climb. A leader should be contacted before going on the first trip.

### John Robinson (Ch.)

Frank Sanborn (V. Ch.) Miles Brubacher (Treas.)  
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climb of Lamont with 3000-ft. gain; carry lunch and water. Lug soled boots required for Pilot Knob and desirable for Lamont; both are SPS qualifiers. Moderately strenuous. Driving: 400 mi.; hiking approx. 3 mi. on each peak. Leader: FRANK SANBORN. Asst. and Trans.: TOM AMNEUS.



JAN. 17  
SUN.  
DESERT PEAKS  
Smith Min. (5950') - 7 a.m.: This peak in the Black Range overlooks the southern end of Death Valley, offering superb desert panoramas. Meet in town of Shoshone Sun, morning for car caravan to Gold Valley, where hike begins. Hiking 12 mi. Driving 550 mi. Wear stout boots. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and FRANK SANBORN.

MAY 1-2 SAT.-SUN.  
SIERRA PEAKS  
Mt. San Geronimo (11,502'), ice and snow training trip: An opportunity to learn the fundamentals of non-technical ice and snow climbing; good preparation for Sierra snow climbs. Meet at Poop-out Hill roadhead at 12 noon Sat., knapsack 3 mi. to campsite at Dry Lake, wood and water available. Ice axe instruction Sat. afternoon. Sun, climb Mt. San Geronimo via north face on steep snow, gullies down if conditions permit. 3000' trail-less gain, 8 mi. total hiking Sun. Ice axe, lug soles mandatory, crampons optional. Driving 200 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and FRANK SANBORN. Trans.

MAY 29-30-31 SAT.-SUN.-MON.  
SIERRA PEAKS  
Tehiptle Dome (7,708'): The Mother Lode Chapter will join us for the first scheduled climb of this spectacular new qualifying peak overlooking the Middle Fork of the Kings River. Those not wishing to climb can explore beautiful Crown Creek. 18 mi. 2,500' gain on trail to camp at 7,000', wood and water available. Sun, climb peak cross country, 6 mi. 700' gain. One short pitch will require a belay. Mon. return to cars. 2,000' gain. Lug soles required for climb. Participants must be in good condition for long backpack to camp and must contact a leader. Driving 500 mi. Coordinator for Mother Lode: JERRY KEATING. Leaders and Trans.

SEPT. 4-5-6 SAT.-SUN.-MON.  
SIERRA PEAKS & DESERT PEAKS  
Mt. Chester Versteeg (13,470') Dedication Climb: The U.S. Board of Geographic Names has bestowed this name on the previously unnamed peak just W. of Lake Helen of Troy in Sequoia National Park. Chester Versteeg was an active and beloved member of the Angeles Chapter for over half a century, founded the Desert Peaks Section, and supplied over 200 place names in the Sierra Nevada. We shall dedicate this peak in Chester's memory and leave a register. This is a strenuous trip, and participants should be in good physical condition. The pace will be slow but steady. Meet 7:30 a.m. sharp at Jct. of U.S. 395 and Symmes Cr. Rd., 1/4 mi. S. of Independence. Caravan to Symmes Creek roadhead. Backpack a steep and strenuous 10 mi. (good trail to Anvil Camp. Wood and water available. Sun, hike over Shepard Pass, between the granite giants of Tyndall and Williamson, and up peak. Those with energy left traverse over to Trojan Pk. (13,950'), named by Chester. R.T. Sun.: 8 mi. (10 with Trojan). Climbing class 2, possibly some 3rd. Mon. return to cars. Driving: 500 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and FRANK SANBORN.

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION BANQUET  
The Sierra Peaks Section Annual Banquet will again be held at Rudi's Italian Inn, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd., December 2nd. Happy Hour: 6:30 Dinner: 7:30  
The program will be a special treat. Graham Stephenson will show slides of his recent Afghanistan Expedition. Tickets are \$3.00 each. Send check or money order with stamped, self-addressed envelope to:  
Sid Davis  
1418 North Highland Ave.  
Hollywood, Calif. 90028  
No tickets will be mailed after November 24th, so all you peak baggers get your loot in early.  
Sid Davis

# DEDICATION CLIMB

Over the Labor Day weekend, a small Sierra Club party made a dedication climb of Mt. Chester Versteeg. Following a lengthy climb over Shepard Pass, nine persons reached the loftiest crag of Mt. Versteeg's several high points. A register was placed on the summit, and the Versteeg family flag along with Old Glory was unfurled. The superb panorama from the top encompassed several landmarks that Chester had named. Directly below the peak sparkled his Lake Helen of Troy. One mile to the southeast loomed mighty Trojan Peak, and beyond that Tunnabobora Peak and Mt. Carillon, all three titled by Chester. The peak is indeed worthy of immortalizing the memory of one who did so much to initiate the appeal of the Sierra into the hearts of his fellow men.

John W. Robinson

OCT. 9-10 SAT.-SUN.  
SIERRA PEAKS  
Goat Mt. (11,207'): A strenuous knapsack trip to one view of the Sierra crest from the Kings-Kern Divide to the Palisades, as well as the glacial trench of the S. Fk. of the Kings Canyon 6000' below. Days are getting short, so an early morning start is necessary to gain our timberline campsite before dark. Wood, but water is scarce on the trail; carry canteen. Sat. gain 5400' in 8 mi., last mi. is trailless. Sun. climb Goat Mt. via trail-less class 1 and 2 route; wear lug soles. 11 mi. of hiking Sun, including return to cars. Contact leader for time and place of meeting. Not for beginners; participants should be in good physical condition. Leaders: FRANK SANBORN. Asst.: JOHN ROBINSON. Trans.



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SIERRA SAN PEDRO MARTIR BACKPACK: APRIL 2-6, 1966



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LA GRULLA





ARROYO  
SAN ANTONIO

EASTWARD  
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100 PEAKS

Bighorn (8441'), Ontario (8693'): Optional: Timber (8303'), Sugarloaf 6924') 8:30 a.m.: Icehouse Canyon Resort parking area (west end). Take Padua Ave. out of Claremont, follow signs to "Mt. Baldy Resorts." This is our annual trip with the Pasadena City College Highlanders. Because of probable large attendance, we will divide into two groups. A slow group will climb Bighorn and Ontario; a fast group will add Timber and Sugarloaf. Leaders and trans.: RUSS and PAUL MOHN.

SEPT. 24-25

SAT.-SUN. ✓

SIERRA PEAKS

Mt. Harrington (11,005'), Eagle Peaks (9645'): These peaks on the rugged Monarch Divide in Kings Canyon Nat. Park offer superb panoramas of Tehipite Valley and the Gorge of Despair. Meet Sat. 8 a.m. at the Deer Cove trailhead in Kings Canyon, about 4 mi. west of Cedar Grove. Backpack on good trail 5 mi. to Wildman Meadow campsite, wood and water. Sat. p.m. explore Eagle Peaks, Happy Gap, and Grand Dyke. Sun. climb Mt. Harrington via class 2-3 route and return to cars. Total weekend hiking about 16 mi. Driving 600 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and FRED JENSEN.

NOV. 24-27

THURS.-SUN. ✓

DESERT PEAKS

Cerro de La Encantada, alias Picacho del Diablo (10,154'): A strenuous 4 day backpack through wild country, involving trailless scrambling and bushwhacking with packs, and class 3 climbing on peak (rope will be utilized in some spots). Route will be via rugged Canyon del Diablo, then up Bernhard (Slot Wash) Route to twin summits. Participants must be in top physical condition with class 3 experience, and willing to stay with group at all times. Lug soles required. Wood and water available; bring two canteens for all-day peak climb. Early start necessary. Leave L. A. early Wed. p.m., drive across border at Mexicali and down Mexico Highway 5 to La Trinidad cutoff (95 mi. below border, near kilometer 142 sign). Meet one mi. west on cutoff promptly at 7 a.m. Thurs., caravan to roadhead beyond Santa Clara Ranch. Mexican border authorities may require tourist cards; to avoid border crossing delay, either obtain card before trip at L. A. Mexican Tourist Office (3106 Wilshire Blvd.) or bring along birth certificate or other 'proof of citizenship' to show at border. Contact one of leaders for driving route map. Driving over 700 mi.; hiking 36 mi.; gain 8000'. Leaders: GENE GAIL, JOHN ROBINSON.



# RECORD 42 CLIMB BAJA CALIFORNIA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN ✓

Magnificent, precipitous Cerro de la Encantada (Picacho del Diablo) was the target of the Desert Peaks Section over the long Thanksgiving weekend. Thursday morning, after driving some 130 miles over some of the more arid parts of Baja California, 46 Desert Peakers and guests hoisted packs for the long trailless hike up Canyon del Diablo. A day and a half were laboriously spent ascending this deep gorge of rugged beauty. Base camp was established amid a tangled forest of cedars and oaks near the canyon's upper end.

The group rose before dawn Saturday and started for the peak just as the first gray glimmers of light dimly illuminated the mountain. Up a broad gully known as the Night Wash, into the narrow Slot Wash, between the towering rock walls of Wall Street - upward, ever upward, sturdy lug soles pressing firmly against the steeply inclined granite of this incredibly complex picacho. Finally and abruptly the huge rock slabs of the summit crag were surmounted; exhilaration replaced fatigue in the climbers' tired hearts. Never before such a mob scene on this crown of Baja - 42 exuberant climbers crowded together on an alpine island a few yards in diameter. In the group was Bob Gail, 12 years, son of co-leader Gene Gail - youngest ever to surmount this grand picacho. A magnificent panorama spread out in all directions, bounded on the west by the distant, hazy Pacific and on the east by the blue Gulf of California. Immediately west sprawled the vast pine tableland of the wild, beautiful Sierra San Pedro Martir, a mountain Shangri-La for the lover of true wilderness.

15 made the airy traverse to the slightly lower south summit before retreating into the shaded bowels of the Devil's chasm. Sunday the well-worn group rose again before dawn and descended the long, semi-circular gorge to the cars.

Cerro de la Encantada, Picacho del Diablo, La Providencia - three of its many names - is truly a grand mountain, a peak of unique character, beloved equally by those who live in its shadows and by those who return again and again to challenge its airy crags.

Leaders were Gene Gail and the writer.

John W. Robinson

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# The Yodeler

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER

JANUARY 1967

### EL PICACHO DEL DIABLO

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Ted Freedman and I were privileged to join the Desert Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter on a four-day climb south of the border. Our goal was the 10,154' summit of El Picacho del Diablo (Peak of the Devil), the bold granite apex of the Sierra de San Pedro Martir, and the highest peak in the 800 mile length of the Baja California peninsula.

We flew to San Diego on Wednesday, picked up a car, crossed the border at Tijuana, and then turned east on Mexico's magnificent Highway 2, to Mexicali. The highway climbs almost imperceptibly up the west side of the Sierra Juarez, then suddenly drops from over 4000' to sea level in just a couple of miles, through rocky gorges, reminiscent of, but ruggedger than, the east side of Tioga Pass. At Mexicali, we turned south, on México 5, for 100 miles to the trip meeting place, a few miles north of the end of the pavement at San Felipe.

The next morning, we met our hiking companions - 46 in all, and the co-leaders, Gene Gail and John Robinson, author of several recent SUMMIT articles, and of the forthcoming book, EXPLORING BAJA'S HIGH COUNTRY, to be published in February.

The climb started after a 40 mile caravan on the roughest, dirtiest, dirt road I've ever followed. The route consisted of 18 miles of intermixed waterfalls, deep sand, polished granite boulders, and thick, thorny brush, up the 8000' of Canon del Diablo to the Summit. The route is well described in Craig Forrest's story in SUMMIT, December, 1963, so I'll describe more personal impressions. The canon route is a mixture of familiar and unfamiliar: Incense Cedar, Sugar Pine, White Fir and Quaking Aspen are mixed with trees unknown to those

of us who haunt only the Sierra Nevada. Even in November, Columbine, Penstemon, Phlox, Pennyroyal and Hulsea were blooming, in beds of mosses and ferns, mixed with blossoms we don't know. The mysterious ones were fragrant, or spiny, or both! A myriad of sage-like plants perfumed every step, mingling with Yucca, Agave, Catsclaw, Cholla, and innumerable other spiny sorts - some fierce in appearance, others superficially innocent.

The other, and more lasting impression, is people. Members of the Bay Chapter tend to adopt a facade of superiority: "after all, we're closer to Mills Tower." The Angeles Chapter people we met were dedicated Sierra Clubbers - mostly members of the Desert Peaks section. We northerners tend to categorize these groups as "peak baggers" and that they are; but much more important, they're members of the Club just like us, at least as concerned with conservation and it's attendant legislation as we are. In addition, 42 of the group of 46 made the summit of a tough peak, safely - perhaps the Angeles Chapter people are ruggedger than we are. At any rate, I heartily recommend to any Bay Chapter people: if you get a chance, go on one of their trips - travel is indeed broadening.

Pete Overmire



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THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1966  
CORONA DEL MAR, CALIF.

## Teacher to show slides

The Sierra San Pedro Martir mountain range in Baja California will be explored photographically at the meeting of the Orange County Group of the Sierra Club at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the Spurgeon Room of Santa Ana Library.

John Robinson of 2627 Blackthorn St., East Bluff, will show color slides. He is a 6th grade teacher at Harbor View School.

Mr. Robinson describes the range, located 100 miles below the border, as wild and rugged, with pine forests at the 7,000-foot

level and at least one peak over 10,000 feet.

His interest and numerous visits to the range has led to his writing a book about the area, to be published early in 1967. He has served as chairman of both the Sierra Peaks selection and Desert Peaks section of the Los Angeles chapter of the Sierra Club.

New officers of the county group include Mrs. R.W. Hannaford of Corona Highlands, book chairman, and Mrs. Robert F. Sanders of Costa Mesa, publicity chairman.

JAN. 3 TUES. ORANGE COUNTY GROUP

Santa Ana Library—8 p.m.: JOHN ROBINSON will present slides and commentary of his research on the San Pedro Martir Range in lower Calif. Introduction: BEN LINDENSTEIN.



Wednesday April 5 is the date of the annual Desert Peaks Banquet with cocktails at 6 p.m. and a dinner featuring top sirloin at 7 p.m.

Program: John Robinson's exploits into the Sierra San Pedro Martir and Sierra Juarez in northern Baja California including the most successful climb of Cerra de La Encantade (Picacho del Diablo). Place: Rudi's Italian Inn, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd., L.A. Price per single ticket: \$3.25.

For reservations, mail checks, made payable to Elizabeth Bingham, to her at 4337 El Prieto Rd., Altadena, Calif. 91001. Include self addressed stamped envelope.



# Teacher Aids Baja Hunt

## Two Students Lost 3 Weeks in Mountains

By MARGARET HALL  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

A sixth grade teacher from Harbor View Elementary School, Corona del Mar, has joined the search for two Claremont College students missing in Baja California for three weeks.

John Robinson, whose home is at 217 Blackthorn St., Newport Beach, left here last Friday by car to join

the San Diego sheriff's department search.

A new clue to the whereabouts of the students was found Sunday by two searchers who were dropped by helicopter on the peak of 10,154 foot high Mt. Diablo in Baja California.

A note written by the two, Ogden E. Kellogg, Jr., 21, of Gold Hill, Ore., and Eleanor Dart, 20, of Eugene, Ore., was found, indicating the stu-

dents had been in good health and in high spirits after reaching the top of the mountain.

Kellogg and Miss Dart were last seen Feb. 5 when they began a hiking trip about 100 miles south of the international border.

A search was launched Feb. 19 after they failed to report for classes at Claremont College.

John Robinson was called into the hunt because he has surveyed the ex-

act area where the couple was climbing. He has mapped out all the trails for a book on the area to be published in March.

The San Diego sheriff contacted Robinson's publisher and called the local teacher for help.

Sierra Club members of Los Angeles and San Diego are climbing the treacherous, rocky Eastern side of Mt. Diablo, while Robinson and other volunteers are climbing the western side, starting from the Meling ranch.

They are working in parties of four. The lost couple planned to descend the mountain and cross a plateau to the Meling ranch before hitchhiking home.

Robinson and other volunteers started out last Friday afternoon with three-day food supplies. They donated their supplies, and Robinson provided his own substitute teacher to take over his classes this week.

Robinson's wife said, "I'm not worried about him. It's just too bad those students didn't read his book before attempting their climb."

"You shouldn't go into that area even by car, unless another car serves as back-up in emergencies."



# 2 Lost Students Reunited After Ordeal on Mountain

## Search Parties Retreat In Hunt for 2 Students

DAILY PILOT - FEB. 28

By MARGARET HALL  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Search parties seeking two Claremont College students lost in rugged Diablo Canyon, Baja California, were expected to return to San Diego County today.

Sgt. Robert Morse of the San Diego County Sheriff's department told the DAILY PILOT this morning that his men dropped a radio in to one of the parties Monday, but that the two

groups were not in touch with each other.

"We expect them back today because they had just four days' rations," Morse said. He was sending a plane over the area at noon today to check on developments.

John W. Robinson, a Corona del Mar teacher, is among the volunteers looking for the two lost students, Ogden E. Kellogg Jr., 21, and Eleanor Dart, 20, both of Oregon.

They were last seen Feb. 5 in San Felipe, Mexico, a fishing village on the Gulf of California.

Kellogg attends Pomona College and Miss Dart attends Pitzer College, both part of the Pomona-Claremont educational complex.

They left school Feb. 3 on a hiking trip, planning to climb 10,154 foot Mt. Diablo, about 130 miles south of the U.S. border.

When the two failed to return to classes Feb. 19, Sgt. Morse organized an extensive search for them.

## Teacher Back From 4-Day Hunt

DAILY PILOT - MARCH 1

By MARGARET HALL  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

The Corona del Mar teacher who spent four days searching rugged Mt. Diablo in Baja California for two missing Claremont College students returned home early today.

"We tramped 50 miles without seeing a sign of the students," John W. Robinson of 2627 Blackthorn St., Newport Beach, told the DAILY PILOT this morning.

The students — Ogden E. Kellogg Jr., 21, and Eleanor Dart, 20, both of Oregon — have disappeared without a trace after leaving a note that they reached the summit of Mt. Diablo.

Robinson fears the couple may have fallen off the peak.

Sierra Club members are continuing to search the peak and the eastern side of the mountain.

Ogden Kellogg Sr. said he advised his son and Miss Dart against their hiking trip, although both were experienced climbers. He also said the couple planned to be married.

By MARGARET HALL  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Two Claremont College students were reunited happily today after being stranded separately without food on rugged 10,154-foot Mt. Diablo in Baja California.

Their ordeal ended at dusk Thursday when a helicopter brought Ogden Kellogg Jr., 21, of Gold Hill, Ore., down from the 7,200-foot level in a daring rescue in semi-darkness.

Kellogg's fiancée, Miss Eleanor Dart, 20, of Eugene, Ore., had been found about 24 hours earlier where she had camped in a canyon, too weak to travel.

The couple has been the object of a massive search which began Feb. 13 when they failed to return to classes.

Sierra club members and other experts joined the San Diego sheriff's department in the hunt.

John W. Robinson, a sixth grade teacher at Harbor View School, Corona del Mar, returned home Tuesday after searching four days for the students.

Robinson was called in because he has explored the Mt. Diablo area thoroughly. His book on the subject will be published this month. He lives at 2627 Blackthorn, Newport Beach.

It was a determined Sierra Club member, Edward Bernhard, 45, of Coronado, who found the two. Bernhard concentrated on one canyon area on the northeast slope of the mountain because he was convinced the couple were there.

Searching alone, he found Miss Dart camped in a canyon, suffering from hunger and exposure, but unhurt. She guided him to the spot where she had last heard Kellogg's voice five days earlier.

Bernhard then found Kellogg Thursday morning, trapped on a ledge since mid-February. He was unhurt, although he had fallen down a 450-foot slope.

Mountain rescue teams lifted Kellogg by rope up a 250-foot cliff, then carried him five hours before reaching a flat spot suitable for the helicopter pickup.

The students were joyfully reunited at the Meling Ranch about 25 miles from Mt. Diablo. They spent Thursday night there with Kellogg's father. After medical clearance today, they will return to the U.S.



## Trips I attended

**APRIL 22-23 SAT.-SUN. SIERRA PEAKS**  
"Indian Rock" (12,160') and Peak 11,844, 8 a.m.:  
Meet at junction of Hwy 395 and Mt. Whitney Fish  
Hatchery Rd. 2 mi north of Independence. We will car-  
avan to trailhead and backpack up Tribut Canyon on  
Sat. Climb peaks on Sun. Lug soles and ice axe needed.  
Driving 500 mi. Leaders: ANDY SMATKO and ARKEL  
ERB.

**APRIL 29 SAT. 100 PEAKS-P.C.C. HIGHLANDERS**  
Twin Peaks (7,760'): Meet 9 a.m. at Buckhorn Guard  
Station on Angeles Crest Hwy. for annual hike with  
Pasadena City College Highlanders. Bring lunch and  
canteen for moderate pleasant hike to Waterman-Twin  
Peaks saddle and thence to summit. Hiking 10 mi.  
Elevation gain 2,000'. Driving 100 mi. Leader for High-  
landers: WILLIAM ANDERSON. Leader for 100 Peaks:  
JOHN ROBINSON.

**JUL 29-30 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**  
Hitchcock (13,184'), Hale (13,493'), and Young  
(13,177'): Meet 7 a.m. Sat. at the start of the Mt.  
Whitney trail at Whitney Portal. Backpacking over Trail  
Crest, (13,600') will be the highest point reached on  
the trip. This is a 5400' gain at high altitudes so only  
those in fairly good shape should attempt it. Leaders:  
JERRY KEATING and TOM COSGROVE.

### DESERT PEAKS SECTION

**Purpose:** To explore the desert mountain ranges of  
California and the Southwest, and to stimulate the  
interest of the Sierra Club membership in climbing  
these ranges; to aid in the conservation and preser-  
vation of desert wilderness areas.

**Membership:** Any member of the Sierra Club may  
become a member upon climbing any six mountains on  
the qualifying list (which may be obtained from the  
Secretary of the Section), subscribing to the DPS News-  
letter (\$1 yearly), and making application for member-  
ship in writing to the Secretary. The Section meets at  
7:30 p.m. on the first Wed. of the months October  
through March at Bellevue Recreation Center, 826  
Lucile Ave., corner of Marathon St. North of the Holly-  
wood Fwy., use Vermont or Silver Lake off ramps to  
gain access to Hoover St. On Hoover Lucile is between  
Clinton St. and Melrose Ave. At the Center, use Mara-  
thon St. entrance and parking lot.

Abe Siemens (Ch.)

John Thornton (V. Ch.) Bob Van Allen (Sec.Treas.)

Dick Sykes

John Robinson

Bob Greenawalt (Editor, DPS Newsletter)

**Emblem Requirements:** Five of the following six peaks;  
Rabbit Pk. of the Santa Rosa Range, Mt. Montgomery  
of the White Mtn. Range, Mt. Inyo of the Inyo Range,  
Telescope Pk. of the Panamint Range, Kofa Pk. of the  
Kofa Range, and Cerro de la Encantada of the San  
Pedro Martir Range; plus any ten additional peaks on  
the qualifying list.

*I did not go on this one.*

**NOV 23-26 THU-SUN DESERT PEAKS**

Cerro de La Encantada, alias Picacho del Diablo  
(10,154'): A strenuous 4 day backpack through wild  
country, involving trailless scrambling and bushwhack-  
ing with packs, and class 3 climbing on peak (rope  
will be utilized in some spots). Route will be via  
rugged Canyon del Diablo, then up Bernhard (Slot  
Wash) Route to twin summits. Participants must be in  
top physical condition with class 3 experience, and  
willing to stay with group at all times. Lug soles  
required. Wood and water available; bring two canteens  
for all-day peak climb. Early start necessary. Leave L.A.  
early Wed. p.m., drive across border at Mexicali and  
down Mexico Hwy. 5 to La Trinidad cutoff (95 mi.  
below border, near kilometer 142 sign). Meet one  
mi. W on cutoff promptly at 7 a.m. Thu., caravan  
to roadhead beyond Santa Clara Ranch. Mexican bor-  
der authorities may require tourist cards; to avoid  
border crossing delay, either obtain card before trip  
at L.A. Mexican Tourist Office (3106 Wilshire Blvd.)  
or bring along birth certificate or other proof of  
citizenship to show at border. Contact one of leaders  
for driving route map. Driving over 700 mi.; hiking  
36 mi.; gain 8000'. Leaders: ED LANE and DICK BEACH.



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**Membership:** A Sierra Club member becomes a section member by climbing any six peaks on the SPS qualifying list, subscribing to The Sierra Echo, and by submitting written application along with \$1 subscription fee to the treasurer. Members must participate in at least one SPS activity each year to remain in good standing. Emblem status may be attained by climbing 10 of 15 designated peaks. The section meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Lemon Grove Playground Auditorium, 4959 Lemon Grove Ave. (at Hobart Blvd.).

The SPS offers a variety of trips, ranging from easy one-day climbs, to major ascents involving ice and snow or other techniques. Due to length, elevation gain, or technical difficulty of many SPS outings, it is urged that newcomers condition themselves before attempting an SPS climb. A leader should be contacted before going on the first trip.

John Thornton (Ch.)      John Robinson (V. Ch.)  
Dick Sykes (Sec.)      Bep Bingham (Treas.)  
Jerry Keating (Alt. Officer)

## JAN. 6-7 SAT-SUN DESERT PEAKS

**Sierra Juarez Exploratory:** Explore the vast pine tableland of Baja California's primitive Sierra Juarez. Short hikes to scenic high points, many miles of driving on fair dirt roads. Autos should have good clearance. Meet 8 a.m. at W edge of La Rumorosa (on Mexico Hwy. No. 2, 70 miles east of Tijuana). Caravan S onto pine and picacho tableland. Sat. short scramble up Chichi de la India (5200') for panoramic view. Car camp Sat. night near Laguna Hanson. Sun. further explore range by car and foot, drive out via Ensenada and home. Water uncertain, bring enough for weekend. Fill auto gas tanks before crossing border. Driving: 400 miles. Hiking: 2-5 miles. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JOHN THORNTON.

## FEB 20 TUE S F VALLEY

**Studio City Playground Clubhouse, 8 p.m.:** Tonight we have an exciting program as JOHN ROBINSON, the noted authority on Baja California, will present his slides of the Picacho Del Diablo climb. Hostesses: HARRIET AMBORN and ELINOR RASNO.

## MAR 30 SAT 100 PEAKS

**Iron Mtn. No. 1 (8011'):** Meet 7 a.m. at end of road East Fork San Gabriel Canyon for what is probably the easiest legal approach to Big Iron. However, it is still a very strenuous trip, not for beginners; first half on Heaton Flat Trail, then up an open ridge. No water available, two quarts recommended. Hike 12 mi., gain 6400', driving 80 miles. Leader: HOW BAILEY. Asst.: JOHN LINDEN.

## APR 6-10 SAT-WED

## DESERT PEAKS

**Sierra San Pedro Martir Exploratory:** A five day exploratory backpack into the primitive heart of Baja California's highest mountain range. We shall hike many miles through pine-clad highlands, cross rushing streams, camp in scenic alpine meadows, and climb the highest white granite picacho of the Tres Palomas (Three Doves, 9200'). Our approach will be from the east, ascending the range via rugged Canyon El Cajon. A fairly strenuous but rewarding knapsack for those in good physical condition. Wood and water available. Bring food for five days (preferably dried), two canteens, stout boots. Leave L.A. early Fri. p.m., drive to San Felipe, 130 miles south of border. Meet north edge of town promptly at 7 a.m. Sat., caravan 44 miles over fair dirt roads to El Cajon roadhead. Mexican border authorities may require tourist cards; to avoid border crossing delay, either obtain card before trip at L.A. Mexican Tourist Office (3106 Wilshire Blvd.) or bring along birth certificate or other proof of citizenship to show at border. Contact one of leaders for brochure giving further trip details. Driving over 700 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.

## JUN 8-9 SAT-SUN

## SIERRA PEAKS

**Cirque Pk. (12,900'), Mt. Muah (11,016'):** Meet 8 a.m. Sat. at new 9000' trailhead above Cottonwood Creek for car camp and climbs of two Class 2 qualifying peaks. Take Tuttle Creek Rd., which can be reached via Lubken Canyon, 8 mi. S of Lone Pine, or on the outskirts of Lone Pine. Climb Cirque Sat., 12 mi. r.t. and 4000' elev. gain. Climb Muah Sun. morning, 10 mi. r.t. and 3000' gain. Lug soles mandatory; ice axes may be required. Contact a leader because heavy snow would make trip extremely strenuous. Leaders: JERRY KEATING and JOHN ROBINSON. Trans.: ARKEL ERB.

## JUN 22-23 SAT-SUN

## SIERRA PEAKS

**Split Mtn. (14,058'), Class 3:** Meet 7:30 a.m. Sat. in front of court house in Independence to start caravan to roadhead at Red Mountain Creek. Sat. backpack 5 mi., 4000' gain to camp. Tigers climb Mt. Tinemaha, 2500' gain from camp Sat. afternoon. Sun. climb Split, 4000' gain and return to cars. Climbers should be on SPS 3rd class list or have permission from one of the leaders. Good physical condition, ice axe and lug soles required. Driving 500 mi. r.t. Leaders: GLENN LOUGEE and CRAIG WILLIAMS.

*I climbed Tinemaha*

## JUL 20-21 SAT-SUN

## SIERRA PEAKS

**Mt. Ritter (13,151'):** Climb this emblem peak located in one of the Sierra's most beautiful regions. Meet 8 a.m. at Agnew Meadows, backpack 6 miles to camp at Lake Ediza. Those who wish can climb Banner Pk. (12,945') Sat. afternoon. Sun. rise early, climb Mt. Ritter via 2nd class route, return to cars. Wear lug soles and bring ice axes. Total hiking 16 miles. Driving 700 miles. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and GARY BOWEN.



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JUL 27-28 SAT-SUN

#### SIERRA PEAKS

Mt. Hitchcock (13,184'): Meet 7:30 a.m. Sat. at Mt. Whitney trailhead for moderately strenuous peak offering spectacular view of Kern Canyon and Kaweah Peaks Ridge. Backpack 6 mi., 3,500' to woodless Consultation Lake. Thor Peak (12,300') or Mt. Irvine (13,770') may be climbed Sat. afternoon. Hike Sun. to Sierra crest at 13,600', then traverse 2 mi. along Class 2 route to Hitchcock, a gross gain of 3,000'. Climbers must have lug soles and be able to move well off trail at high elevations. Everyone welcome to base camp. Leaders: JERRY KEATING and JOHN ROBINSON.

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OCT 26-27 SAT-SUN

#### SIERRA PEAKS

Homer's Nose (9050'): Meet at the roadhead on the S Fork of the Kaweah River near Clough Cave at 8 a.m. on Sat. Backpack through heavy forest to Surprise camp if water is available there, or possibly to Cahoon Mdw. Sun. climb Homer's Nose for view of the Mineral King area and the Great Western Divide and return to cars. Driving 450 mi. Leaders: RON JONES and IZZY LIEBERMAN.

DEC 7-8 SAT-SUN

#### DESERT PEAKS

Sierra Juarez Exploratory: Eastside Canyons: Explore the little-known eastside canyons of Baja California's Sierra Juarez. These desert chasms contain year-around streams and stately palms, both the tall Washingtonia and the rare Erythea Armata (Blue Palm). Meet 8 a.m. Sat. at junction of Mexico Highway No. 2 and Laguna Salada road, 20 mi. W of Mexicali. Caravan S along eastern base of Sierra Juárez, stopping to explore Cantu Palms, Cañon Los Torrentes, and Cañon Tajo. Car camp Sat. p.m. at Guadalupe Hot Springs (one dollar per car). Bring bathing suit for soaking in warm pools. Sun. explore Cañon Guadalupe as far as the beautiful, serene Pool of the Virgin (3 miles). Peak-baggers can climb Cerro Rasco (4500'). Driving 500 mi., about 80 on dirt roads. Cars should be in good condition with good clearance. Hiking 3-12 mi., depending on number of explorations you wish to make. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.



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**FEB 1 SAT LOCAL HIKES**

Los Pinos Pk. (4507'), Santa Ana Mts.: Most trips into the Santa Anas end up on or near Saddleback; this trip is a change. We will explore the upper reaches of Trabuco Canyon and climb the 4th highest peak in the range, all by trail. Meet 8 a.m. Sat. at Trabuco Canyon turn-off, 1/2 mile beyond O'Neill Park. To get there, turn off Santa Ana Fwy. at El Toro Road, continue on latter through Live Oak Canyon to Trabuco. Bring stout boots, lunch, canteen. Driving 70 mi. Hiking 12 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and ANNE CARLSON.

**OCT 4-5 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**

Dennison Mtn. (8650'): This high point of the Dennison Ridge at the SW tip of Sequoia National Park offers outstanding views of the Kaweah and Tule Gorge country. Meet 8 a.m. Sat at Clough Cave roadhead on South Fork, Kaweah River. Backpack 5 mi. with 3000' gain via good trail to Putman Canyon campsite. Sat. p.m. visit Garfield Grove Big Trees, 3 mi. Sun. steep Class 2 scramble up peak, a 3000' gain, then down to packs and cars. Wood and water available. Driving 450 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JIM JENKINS.

**FEB 5 WED DESERT PEAKS**

Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.—Bellevue Recreation Center: Camp and climb in the Sierra Juarez with JOHN ROBINSON, well known author of a book on climbing and camping in Baja. Refresh.: JOHN ROBINSON.

**OCT 19 SUN LOCAL HIKES**

Tom Sloan Trail—Eaton Saddle to Switzer, 8 a.m.: Meet at Switzer Campground just off Angeles Crest Hwy. for 7 mi. car shuttle to Eaton Saddle. Hike mostly downhill, either on or closely paralleling this historic old pathway from Mt. Lowe Tavern to Switzerland and Arroyo Seco. This was one of the most popular trails in the San Gabriels in the '20s and early '30s. Bring lunch. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BOB COLVIN.

**MAR 29-APR 2 SAT-WED DESERT PEAKS**

Sierra San Pedro Martir, Baja Calif.: A 5-day, 50 mi. loop backpack through the primitive, forested heart of Baja's highest mtn. range. Highlight will be an ascent of Blue Bottle Peak (9500'), high point of the plateau, for a breath-taking close-up of El Picacho del Diablo across the yawning chasm of Canyon del Diablo. A moderate, rewarding knapsack for those in good shape. Wood plentiful, water available (though scarce in some areas of plateau). Bring food for 5 days (preferably dried), 2 canteens, stout boots. Approach this year will be from the W, via the famed Meling Ranch (Rancho San Jose). Standard cars with average clearance can reach ranch: drive 83 mi. S of Ensenada on Hwy. 1, then follow signs 32 mi. E on fair dirt road to ranch. 8-9 hour drive from L.A. Meet 10 a.m. Sat. at Meling Ranch for caravan via available 4-wheel drive vehicles to Corona de Abajo roadhead. Tourist Card required for travel below Maneadero. Obtain card before trip at L.A. Mexican Tourist Office (3106 Wilshire Blvd.) or any Mexican Consulate (bring birth certificate or other proof of citizenship). Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.

**JUN 29 SUN LOCAL HIKES**

Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Moderately strenuous hike, on and off the Burkhart Trail. On the way back, we will climb Will Thrall Pk. (7845'). Meet 8 a.m. at parking lot 1 mi. E of Buckhorn Ranger Sta. Bring water. Driving 96 mi., hiking 14 mi., elev. gain 2900'. Leader: JOHN HERZ. Asst.: JOYCE DAVIS.

**OCT 1 WED DESERT PEAKS**

Bellevue Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.: First fall meeting of Desert Peaks Section. All present members should attend and get acquainted with our future plans and climbs. Any Sierra Club member (or prospective member) interested in desert areas also is invited. Come—ask questions about our group, enjoy a social hour with desert peak buffs, and learn how you can join our activities. Let's get the new season off to a good start! Program by JOHN ROBINSON on the Sierra Juarez, this time with a slide projector. Refresh.



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# Southland Mountaineer Robinson Reaches a New Peak—As an Author

By BOB SANDERS  
Staff Writer

John Robinson, a Long Beach native and now of Newport Beach, made a reputation a few years ago as the mountaineering authority on Baja California. He has tempered his active mountaineering career in favor of authorship.

The author of the mountaineers' "Baja Bible," called "Camping and Hiking in Baja California," is devoting all his spare time these days to research and writing on the mountain ranges of Southern California.

"I haven't given up on Baja, or mountaineering," the soft-spoken junior high school teacher says, "but I have become more interested in the colorful past of our mountains here in Southern California."

ROBINSON, who was born in Long Beach's old Seaside Hospital and was graduated from Fremont Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High and Wilson High School in 1947, first learned about camping and hiking at the Long Beach YMCA's now-defunct Kamp Kole.

"I find I am a member of what is becoming an ex-

tain climbing, as opposed to hiking.

"I became something of a 'peak bagger,'" he says now. "It was fun but when I got married in 1959 I had to tone down on the weekends away from home."

It was about this time that he became interested in the history of the mountains he had climbed.

In 1958 Robinson climbed Picacho del Diablo (Peak of the Devil) in Baja California with the Desert Peaks Section. The mountain has since been renamed by the Mexican government. It is now called "Cerro de la Encantada" (Mountain of the Enchanted One) on all Mexican maps.

"The area was really wild then," Robinson recalls. "I was enchanted with it."

HE WENT BACK into the two Mexican national parks, the Sierra Juarez and the Sierra San Pedro Martir, numerous times and in 1965 was commissioned to write his book.

"For two years I researched the area," he says. "I made at least 20 special trips through the area to learn and chart the trails before I started to write."

The book, through three revisions with a fourth un-

When that one is finished Robinson has plans for books on the San Bernardino Mountains and then the San Jacintos, which should keep him busy for a while.

All this has to sandwich in with his job teaching at Davis Junior High School in Costa Mesa, where he also coaches basketball.



JOHN ROBINSON

## JAN 31-FEB 1 SAT-SUN

## DESERT PEAKS

Sierra Juarez Exploratory: If weather is good and high country roads passable, we'll explore by vehicle and on foot the top of Sierra Juarez plateau. If snowed in, we'll retreat to desert side and do canyon exploring. Autos should have good clearance. Meet 8 a.m. at W edge of La Rumorosa (on Mexico Hwy 2, 70 mi E of Tijuana). Caravan from there; exactly where you'll discover when you arrive. Water probable but bring weekend supply just in case. Fill up gas tanks at La Rumorosa. Driving 400-plus mi; Hiking? Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.

## FEB 28 SAT

## LOCAL HIKES

Professor Lowe's Great Cable Incline: Three quarters of a century ago balloonist T.S.C. Lowe financed the construction of one of the engineering wonders of the time — The Great Cable Incline between Rubio Cyn and Echo Mtn. Today, long abandoned, it has become but a faded bygone memory. However, plenty of signs still exist for those who know where to look. Come with us and relive this amazing achievement of the past. Meet 8 a.m. at N end Rubio Vista Rd in Altadena. We shall hike along old RR bed into Rubio Cyn to site of Rubio Pavilion, visit miniature waterfalls that once charmed visitors. Then, those with lug soles will scramble up incline bed (steep and loose in places) to Echo Mtn. Locations of all major buildings on Echo Mtn. will be traced. Return will be via Sam Merrill Trail. Bring Lunch, canteen, and Lug sole boots. Hiking 6 mi; driving 30 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JOHN GREGORY.

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## MAR 15 SUN

## LOCAL HIKES

Tom Sloan Trail—Eaton Saddle to Switzer: Meet 8 a.m. at Switzer Campground just off Angeles Crest Hwy for 7 mi car shuttle to Eaton Saddle. Hike mostly downhill, either on or closely paralleling this historic old footpath from Mt. Lowe Tavern to Switzer's Resort in the Arroyo Seco. This was one of the most popular trails in the San Gabriels during the '20s and early '30s. Bring lunch and canteen. Hiking 8 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BOB COLVIN.



**APR 11 SAT LOCAL HIKES**

Old Camp Idlehour, Eaton Cyn: Meet 8 a.m. N end of Lake Ave., Altadena, for short car shuttle to beginning of Mt Wilson Toll Rd. Hike up old toll rd to Idlehour Trail, then down into upper Eaton Cyn to site of old Camp Idlehour. Here, on a forest-covered streamside bench, once stood the most secluded little resort in the San Gabriels. Return up Alpine Trail to Proposal Arbor and Inspiration Point, then down Castle Cyn and Sam Merrill Trails to cars. Bring lunch and canteen. Hiking 10 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JOANNE O'NEILL.

**NOV 8 SUN LOCAL HIKES-CAMERA**

Big Horn Mine: Meet 8 am at Vincent Gap on Angeles Crest Hwy. Hike 2 mi around shoulder of Baden-Powell to historic Big Horn Mine, scene of gold strikes and frustrations from the 1890s into the 1930s. Opportunities for good close-up shots of mine ruins, superb scenery shots across gorge of the East Fork to Old Baldy. Bring lunch and canteen. Driving 120 mi; hiking 4 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and ED STELLA.

**JUL 18-19 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**

Mt. Cedric Wright (12,372'), Pk. 11,910', Pk. 12,080', Colosseum Mtn. (12,473'): Meet 6:30 am Sat at Sawmill Pass trailhead, reached via a dirt road that starts 100 yds or so N of Sawmill Campground, N of Independence. Prompt start to take advantage of early morning cool. Backpack 7 mi with 5400' gain to campsite at beautiful Sawmill Lake. After a rest those in shape will go on to Sawmill Pass from whence ascents of Pks. 11,910 and 12,080 will begin. On Sun, an early start will enable us to climb Mt. Cedric Wright and, if the groups desires, go on to nearby Colosseum. Then back to cars. Participants must have lug soles and be in good shape. Leaders: ANDY SMATKO, BILL SCHULER and TOM ROSS.

**DEC 20 SUN LOCAL HIKES**

Camp West Fork, Newcomb Pass: Meet 9 am at West Fork Ranger Stn, 6 mi by dirt road from Red Box. Hike down river 1 mi to Devore Trail Camp, site of old Camp West Fork, once (1913-1925) popular trail resort. Then follow trail Ernest De Vore built up to Newcomb Pass, named for mtn pioneer Louie Newcomb. Enjoy leisurely hike, learn history of this part of San Gabriels. Driving 60 mi; hiking 7 mi. Bring lunch and canteen. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and LARRY HOAK.

**CANCELLED  
SNOW**

**AUG 1-2 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**

Silver Peak (11,883'): Meet 8 am Sat at end of paved road at Lake Thomas Edison (drive via Fresno and Huntington Lake). Backpack to campsite at Devils Bathtub; climb this isolated high point of the Silver Divide either Sat pm or Sun am. Climbing class 1 to 2. Hiking 20 mi. Driving 600-plus mi. A moderate trip into a scenic, seldom-visited part of the Sierra. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and RON JONES.

**SEP 20 SUN E SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

Mt. Baldy (10,064'): Meet 7:30 am sharp at Mt Baldy Village across from the lodge for car shuttle. This will be a strenuous 14 mi hike. We will go from the Village to the summit. (gain 5700') and down to the ski lift. Definitely not for beginners. Bring plenty of water, minimum 2 canteens, none along the trail. Driving 100 mi rt. Leader: VIC METCALFE. Assts: RICH MUELLER and H. GEORGE MARSHALL.

**OCT 31 SAT LOCAL HIKES**

Twin Peaks Saddle, San Gabriel Wilderness, 8 am: Meet at Three Points trailhead, 2½ mi past Newcombs Ranch Inn on Angeles Crest Hwy. We shall hike this good trail above the N wall of Devils Cyn over to the saddle between Mt Waterman and Twin Peaks. Mountain pioneer William Sturtevant built a lean-to here in 1887, his favorite retreat in the San Gabriel. Peak baggers can climb Twin Peaks too. Bring lunch and canteen. Hiking 12 mi. Driving 90 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JOANNE O'NEILL.

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**FEB 6 SAT LOCAL HIKES**  
**Mt. Lowe "8"**: In 1893 Professor T. S. C. Lowe financed the construction of a network of riding and hiking trails from his recently-built White City on Echo Mtn to the top of Mt Lowe. Via this network, a traveler could ascend and descend Mt Lowe following a double loop route, crossing his path. This became famous as "The Mt Lowe 8". Today, part of the 8 is still good trail, part is eroded and overgrown. We shall climb Mt Lowe, attempting to follow as much as possible of this historic network. Meet 8 am at start of Sam Merrill Trail, head of Lake Ave, Altadena. Bring stout boots, lunch, and canteen for all-day hike. Hiking 14 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JUDY RAMSEYER.

**FEB 13-14 SAT-SUN DESERT PEAKS**  
**Sierra Juarez exploratory**: Spend a weekend exploring the vast tableland of Baja's Sierra Juarez. Lots of driving; short hikes to scenic viewpoints. Meet Sat 8 am sharp in La Rumorosa on Mexico Hwy 2 between Tecate and Mexicali. Gas up, then caravan S across pinyon-covered plateau. Short hikes to Cerro Piedra Sacraficio (5 mi rt) and eastern scarp above Tajo Cyn (3 mi rt). Sat night car camp at improved Laguna Hanson campground in heart of Parque Nacional Constitucion de 1857, Mexico's newest natl park. Sun further explore mtns, then return to civilization. Cars should be high clearance, in good condition, with antifreeze and new tires. Driving 350 mi; hiking 0 to 10 mi. Bring water. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.

**MAR 7 SUN LOCAL HIKES**  
**East Fork of Alder Creek, 8:30 am**: Many see our local San Gabriels as barren and dry. Come with us for a fresh view. We have to hike hard (only 8 mi but it feels like 20), without trails, cross streams, do 3rd class bouldering, and gain 1600'. Wear good footwear, lug soles preferred, and bring lunch. Meet at the parking area about 1 mi N of Charlton Ranch on Angeles Crest Hwy. Leader: ELDON HAINES. Asst: FRANK PODOSEK.

**APR 3-7 SAT-WED DESERT PEAKS**  
**Sierra San Pedro Martir, Baja Calif**: A 5-day 50 mi loop knapsack trip through the forested heart of Baja's highest and most rugged mountain range. The new road to "El Observatorio Nacional de Mexico" will be utilized to gain access to the high country. Exact itinerary will depend on snow and road conditions. We will probably climb Blue Bottle Peak (9500') or Tres Palomas (9200'), or if high peaks snowed in will visit ruins of long abandoned Mission San Pedro Martir. A moderately strenuous backpack. Wood plentiful. Water available although possibly scarce during part of loop. Bring food for 5 days, 2 canteens, stout boots. Meet 9 am Sat at famed Meling Ranch for caravan to starting point. Standard cars with good clearance can reach ranch. Drive 83 mi S of Ensenada on Mex Hwy 1, then follow "Rancho Meling" and "Observatorio" signs 32 mi E on fair dirt road to ranch. Mexican Tourist Card required. Obtain card before trip at L.A. Mexican Tourism Office (3106 Wilshire Blvd) or any Mexican Consulate (bring birth certificate or other proof of citizenship). Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and BILL CLIFTON.

**MAY 1-2 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**  
**Eagle Pks (9645')**: These granite outcroppings atop the rugged Monarch Divide offer superb vistas over the Tehipite Valley and Middle Fork, Kings R country. Meet Sat 8 am at the Deer Cove trailhead in Kings Cyn, about 4 mi short of Cedar Grove. Knapsack on trail 6 mi and 3400' gain to Burns Mdw, wood and water. Sun, ascend trail 2 1/2 miles to Happy Gap, then traverse and scramble (class 3) to highest of the Eagle Pks group. Wear lug soles; bring ice axe. Hiking 18 mi. Driving 600 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and TOM AMNEUS.

**JUL 31-AUG 2 SAT-MON SIERRA PEAKS**  
**Mt Goddard (13,568')**: Meet 7 am sharp at Florence Lake boat dock for climb of our most remote emblem peak. Sat, 5 mi boat ride, 20+ mi backpack, 4000' gain. Sun, climb peak, 2500' gain, class 2, and pack part way out. Mon, an easy day. Climbers must demonstrate Sat am ability to maintain necessary pace or be turned back at lunch stop. Bring \$4 for boat fares. Leaders: BOB MASON and JOHN ROBINSON.

**AUG 7-8 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**  
**Devil's Postpile, Minaret, Iceberg, Ediza, Shadow Lakes** —Circle Tour: Some of the finest scenery in the Sierra. Meet 8 am Sat at Agnew Mdw for car shuttle. Knapsack to camp at Minaret Lake Sat (7 mi, 2400' gain). Sun pack past Iceberg, Ediza and Shadow Lakes to cars (10 mi, 1000' gain). Mostly on trail, some cross country. Driving 660 mi. Leaders: GEORGE SHINNO and JOHN ROBINSON.

**SEP 4-6 SAT-MON SIERRA PEAKS**  
**Emigrant Basin Wild Area, Northern Yosemite**: Beautiful wilderness of granite peaks and volcanic overlaps; best the northern Sierra has to offer. Meet 8 am Sat at Kennedy Mdws Resort, 20 mi W of Sonora Pass. Backpack 8 mi up Summit Creek to Sheep Camp. Sun climb Black Hawk Mtn (10,327'), 4 mi, 2000', for panoramic view of wild area. Mon return to cars. Long drive, but well worth it. Leader: JOHN ROBINSON. Asst: ED TREACY.

**NOV 25-28 THU-SUN DESERT PEAKS**  
**El Picacho del Diablo (10,154')**: A rather strenuous 4-day trip through wild Canyon del Diablo to the granite crown of Baja Calif, involving trailless scrambling and bushwhacking with packs and class 3 climbing on the peak. Participants must be in top physical condition and willing to stay with the group at all times. Pace will be moderate but steady. Lugsol boots, absolute requirement. Bring 2 canteens for all-day peak climb. Cross border at Mexicali, drive S on Mex Hwy 5 95 mi, then right (W) 1 mi on La Trinidad cutoff; meet here promptly 6 am Thu for car caravan to Canyon Diablitto roadhead. Driving over 700 mi; hiking 36 mi; gain 8000'. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JAY WILEY.



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# Hikers conquer 'Peak of the Devil'

Story and Photos  
By BOB SANDERS

Deep in the wilds of Baja, Mexico, stands 10,200-foot Picacho del Diablo, "Peak of the Devil," the highest mountain on the peninsula, overlooking the Gulf of California on the east and majestic Pacific Ocean on the west.

A hardy band of Sierra Club backpackers made a successful assault on the mountain and — though the aptly named mountain took its toll — 57 reached the top, setting a record for mass assaults.

After one man sprained his ankle on the first day of the four-day expedition and had to turn back, the 57, including six women, reached the peak after three days of strenuous boulder hopping and bushwhacking.

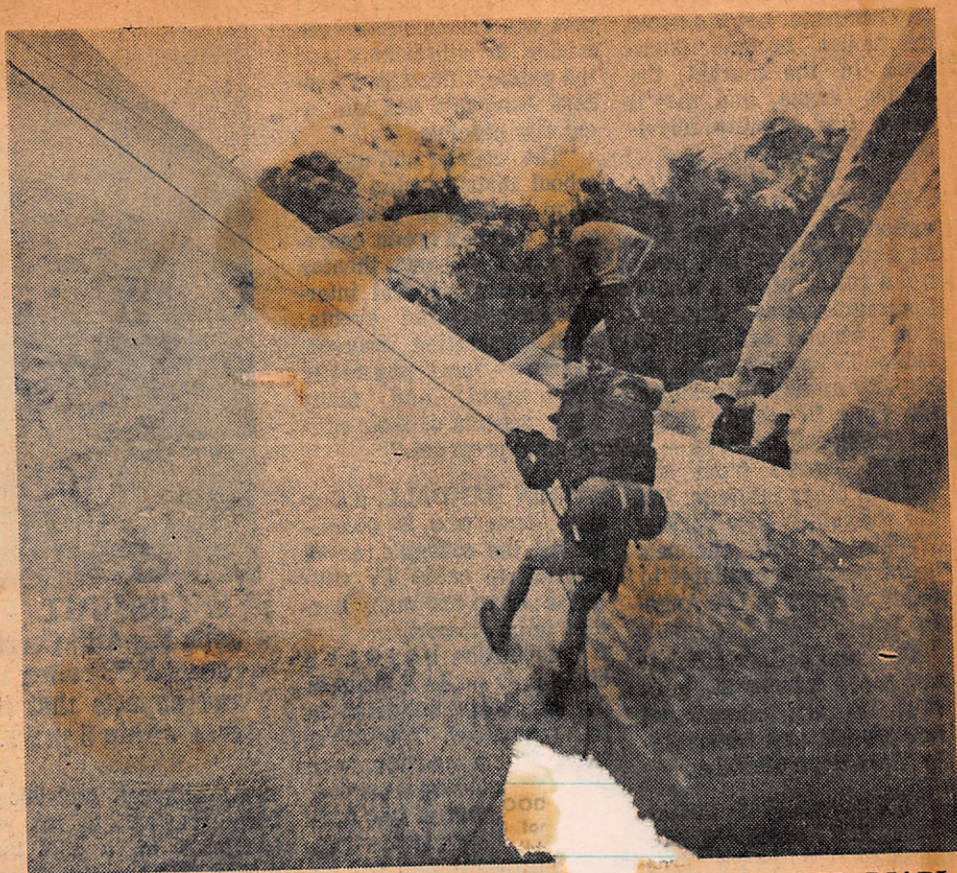
On the way down, however, two men took falls that incapacitated them. They had to be brought out by helicopter two days after the scheduled end of the trip.

**THE CLIMB**, sponsored by the Desert Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club and led by an authority on the mountains of Baja, John Robinson, began in the early morning after a 300-mile drive the night before.

Robinson, who teaches at Davis Middle (junior high) School in Costa Mesa, is the author of the books *Camping and Climbing in Baja* and *Trails of the Angeles*.

After a 40-mile car trek over rough desert roads from Mexico Highway No. 5, 30 miles north of San Felipe to the foot of Canon del Diablo, the hike began.

Canon del Diablo, a narrow, steep, rockstrewn canyon, is also aptly named. (The Mexican government has re-named Picacho del Diablo Cerro de la Encantada, which means Mountain of the Enchanted, but no one who has climbed it pays any attention.)



SIERRA CLUB BACKPACKERS WORK WAY UP CANON DEL DIABLO

slogged on up the mountain.

**WE CAMPED** the first night along the stream on small patches of sand surrounded by large boulders.

On all three of our nights on the mountain a bright moon appeared. Its light, bouncing back and forth from the sheer white granite walls of the narrow canyon, made it seem like daytime until it set.

The second night we camped at Camp Noche, the 6,400-foot base camp right under the twin peak. We had climbed about 4,000 feet from the mouth of the canyon but still had another 4,000 feet to go to the peak.

At 6 a.m., we started up the twisted maze of canyons, with Robinson leading us, over a deep almost horizontal gorge — named Slot Wash and up a very steep, and several-hundred-foot-long narrow

crevice in rock called Wall Street.

**ALL 57** of us reached the top about 11 a.m. and had lunch there. The air toward the east was clear and we could see the shoreline of the Gulf of California. However, it was hazy to the west and we couldn't see the ocean.

In addition to setting a record for the number of people to climb the peak in one party we managed to set another record.

The oldest man on record to climb Picacho del Diablo, Fred Bode of Inglewood, who is a very spry 72 years old, received the congratulations of the leader on the 10,154-foot peak.

After a much-needed rest we started down — and our troubles began.

**HALFWAY** down the 4,000 feet to the base camp, Ed Sweeting of Pasadena took the wrong route around a waterfall and got caught on a small

ledge from which he couldn't retreat. He hung there for several minutes and then fell about 15 feet to a rock below. He suffered a dislocated shoulder.

After stopping while the assistant leader, Jay Willey, administered first aid, the rest of us went on down to the base camp.

Robinson, Willey and Sweeting arrived about an hour and half after us about 5:30 p.m.

The next day the leaders and four other strong hikers stayed with Sweeting while the rest of us started the treacherous trek out.

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ry James, who teach- ology at Orange Coast ege in Costa Mesa, and ere the first to reach cars. We arrived about p.m. and, after check- out with a group of le waiting for friends, headed home.

Coast Guard helicop- dispatched from San go, was unable to pick the injured men but a aller one from the San go Mountain Rescue oup and the De Anza scue Group from Impe- l Valley managed to ch them.

Robinson and his dozen pers hiked down the ountain after the rescue d Sweeting and Krause re flown to San Diego ere they were treated r their injuries.

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OVER its ramifi- cable TV was giv- r boost last week g of the Federal ations Commis- h will permit systems in 100 arkets—including earch-Los Ange- olitan area—to nals from sta- er markets. Un- ng, New York or D.C. channels ade available to rs in Los Ange-

college officials terested, how- e educational and communi- ssibilities.

ONAL institu- ities in th llege area to offer in

the way of programming that will enhance cable television to subscribers and the public," Cerritos President Ringwald has told local city officials.

"The college and unified school districts plan to develop and offer programming through credit courses, athletic events, theater productions, general interest lectures and events, adult education courses, classes for physically handicapped, and many other aspects of their educational program."

JOHN RANDALL, a Cerritos dean who is coordinating the college's moves relating to cable TV, concedes there are many hurdles to be cleared.

Competition between cities may make it difficult for area-wide networks to be assembled. The cable companies may tunneling a portion evenues into education, although technically feasible, is available at a cost makes it attractive vate individuals.



## SEES BRIGHT FUTURE

John Randall, Cerritos College dean, says the recent FCC ruling and expects area within 5

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**BICYCLE TOURING**  
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 Moonlight Ride: To escape the mid-summer heat, we will ride most of the night until dawn. Then, swooping down to finish in time.

On Darwin's summit - August 8, 1972  
 Evolution Trip - North Lake to South Lake  
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SEP 23-24 SAT-SUN

SIERRA PEAKS

Three Sisters (10,612'): Isolated qualifying peak west of Kings Cyn Natl Park. Long drive but easy hike to class 2 peak. Fall colors. Meet 8 am Sat at Courtright Reservoir roadhead SE of Shaver Lake, backpack 7 mi to camp. Sun climb peak and return to cars. Reservation required, contact leader. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and RON JONES.

OCT 11 WED

SIERRA PEAKS

Annual Business Meeting, Lemon Grove Playground Auditorium, 7:30 pm: Charter Member JOHN ROBINSON will take us back to the beginning of the Sierra Peaks Section with his presentation of "SPS Early Years, 55 thru 58". Refresh: FRANK and MARY RISELEY.

OCT 15 SUN

LOCAL HIKES

Siberia Creek, Beach Creek: Beautiful, woodsy Siberia Creek is the most delightful sylvan recess in the San Bernardino Mtns outside of the San Geronio Wilderness. Come down fire-blackened slopes into this emerald crease in the mtns. 8 mi hike; car shuttle. Meet 9 am at Siberia Creek trailhead on Hwy 18, 5 1/2 mi E of Running Springs. See world's largest lodgepole pine. Leader: JOHN ROBINSON.

OCT 21-22 SAT-SUN

SIERRA PEAKS

Lone Pine Pk (12,944'): Late season climb of peak in Whitney area. Could be Indian summer weather or very cold. Meet 8 am Sat, Whitney Portal, backpack 6 mi to Meysan Lake. Sun climb peak and return to cars. Class 2. Reservations required, contact leader. Leaders: RON JONES and JOHN ROBINSON.

NOV 23-26 THU-SUN

DESERT PEAKS

El Picacho del Diablo (10,154'): A strenuous 4-day knapsack through wild Cyn del Diablo to the granite crown of Baja Calif, our best desert peak. Trailless scrambling and bushwhacking with packs; class 3 climbing on peak. Limited to 25 participants who are in top physical shape and have leader's permission. Lug-soled boots required. Send stamped self-addressed envelope for driving directions and full particulars if you are accepted for trip. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JIM JONES.

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**JAN 21 SUN ORANGE COUNTY**

Big Santa Anita Cyn to Newcomb's Pass: Although desecrated with debris barriers, Big Santa Anita still has spots of sylvan charm. We will stroll to near the head of the cyn, then up to the pass named for pioneer Louie Newcomb, once (before the Angeles Crest Hwy) the gateway to the backcountry. We'll discuss the history of the canyon along the way. Meet 9 am at Chantry Flats. 11 mi hiking. Bring lunch and canteen. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and RANDY BOSCH.

**FEB 7 WED DESERT PEAKS**

Youth Services Center, 7:30 pm: Mr. Baja Calif, JOHN ROBINSON, will show slides and tell about his many trips and peak climbs in this Mexican wonderland. Many of us who have followed his lead on these trips will be anxious to see his program. All welcome. Refreshments.

**FEB 25 SUN LOCAL HIKES**

Placerita Cyn, Los Pinetos Ridge: Join this leisurely hike through Placerita Cyn, where gold was first discovered in Calif in 1842, and up oak and chaparral hillsides to Los Pinetos ridge for superb vistas over the N end of San Fernando Valley. Bring lunch and water. Hiking 8 mi. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and MAY HEISHI.

**JUN 9-10 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**

Olancho Pk (12,123'): Southernmost Emblem Peak and a good chance to limber up for summer hikes. Moderately strenuous. 6 mi, 3400' gain Sat, with the afternoon to explore scenic Summit and Monache Mdw, or loaf in camp. 3000' ascent to Olancho Pk Sun am, then descend to cars. Superlative views. Limit 25, call leaders for reserv. Driving 350 mi rt. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and JIM JENKINS.

**JUN 23-25 SAT-MON SIERRA PEAKS**

Kern Pk (11,510'), Muah Mtn (11,016'), Trail Pk (11,623'): Climb as many or as few pks as you like. The emphasis enroute will be on identifying the flora, fauna, and geology of the country traversed. Participants should be in good shape. Sat 14 mi, 1200' gain, climb Trail Pk. Sun climb Kern Pk, 2700' gain, 10 mi; move camp to Mulkey Mdw, 7 mi. Mon climb Muah Mtn, 1500' gain, and return to the cars. Good fishing on Golden Trout Creek for those inclined. Bring 2 qts water. Driving 400 mi rt. Limit 25, for reserv contact Leaders: JIM JENKINS and JOHN ROBINSON.

**SEP 18 TUE S F VALLEY**

Campus Community Center, Pierce College: Meet 7:30 pm. Program 8 pm. JOHN ROBINSON, mountaineer and expert on Baja Calif, will show slides highlighting his extensive trips into that area. John's good sense of humor and refreshments will make this a worthwhile evening.

**SEP 25 TUE MT BALDY**

Monthly meeting, Seaver Lab, Pomona College, Claremont: 8 pm. JOHN ROBINSON, well-known author, will present "Mines Of The San Gabriels," an illustrated talk highlighting his explorations on foot and his library research on mining history of these mtns. Refreshments. Public welcome.

**OCT 20-21 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS**

Goat Mtn (12,207'): Meet 7 am at King's Cyn road-head for 8 mi, 5400' gain, through fall colors via Copper Creek Trail to Grouse Lake. Sun climb Goat and return. For permission contact Leader: RON JONES. Asst: JOHN ROBINSON.



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**OCT 28 SUN LOCAL HIKES**

Atmore Mdw to Gillette Mine: Camp Sat night at Atmore Mdw Cpgd. Sun 8 am hike down into Bear Cyn to historic Gillette Mine, where gold and silver was mined in the 1880s. 10 mi hiking. Bring lunch, canteen, good boots. To reach Atmore Mdw, drive W from Palmdale on Hwy N2 to Bushnell Summit, then left up Sawmill Mtn, following signs to destination. 2 hr drive from LA; leader will camp there Sat night. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON and KAY PALMA.

**OCT 7 SUN ORANGE COUNTY**

Fish Creek-Aspen Grove: Pleasant walk through high mdws, pine, fir and aspen forests; fall colors. Meet 9 am at entrance to Heart Bar St Park (Hwy 38-32 mi from Redlands) for 4 mi car caravan. Hiking 6 mi. Bring water. Leaders: JOHN ROBINSON, DOROTHY OCHOA.



JAN 9 WED PALOS VERDES  
 Malaga Cove Intermediate School, 8 pm: JOHN ROBIN-  
 SON, noted author of books on local and Baja mtn  
 trails and history, will tell us about the Baja and  
 Calif mtns and show slides.

JAN 27 SUN LOCAL HIKES

Allison and Stanley Miller Mines: Meet 8 am at Heaton  
 Flat Ranger Sta on the E Fork of San Gabriel R.  
 These turn of the century mines were incredible finds  
 when you consider the rugged terrain, inaccessibility,  
 and vulnerability to the elements. Hiking 12 mi. Bring  
 lunch and canteen. Leader: JOHN ROBINSON. Asst:  
 DICK WORSFOLD.

FEB 16-18 SAT-MON ✓ SF VALLEY  
 El Salto De San Antonio: A most spectacular series of  
 waterfalls in Baja Calif. Meet 6 am at Jct of Mex  
 Hwy 1 and Observatorio Rd, 83 mi S of Ensenada for  
 40 mi car caravan to starting point. Poor dirt rds;  
 vehicles should have good clearance and be in top  
 condition. Knapsack 8 mi up Rio San Antonio Sal,  
 spend Sun at falls, return Mon. Bring swim suits,  
 fishing gear. Nelson Rainbow Trout in pools below  
 falls. Driving 600 mi. Reservations mandatory. Mexican  
 Tourist Card required. For permission and car pool  
 contact leaders: JOHN ROBINSON & DICK RAMIREZ.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SIERRA DE SAN PEDRO MARTIR KNAPSACK TRIP, BAJA, CALIFORNIA

March 26 - April 1, 1972

INTRODUCTION: This spring trip will be a seven-day, 50-plus mile loop knapsack through the forested heart of Baja California's loftiest mountain range. We shall wander along faint trails through forests of pine and fir, across grassy meadows and over boulder-stacked ridges. The highlight of the trip will be an ascent of Blue Bottle Peak for a breath-taking vista of El Picacho del Diablo with the desert far below and the Sea of Cortez as a distant backdrop. We shall pay a visit to the ruins of Mission San Pedro Martir, where once Dominican padres administered to unwilling natives. Primarily, we will savor the delights of a primitive, unmapped wilderness that has not quite reached the 20th century.

TYPE OF TRIP: We will average about eight miles a day hiking, with one layover day for climbing Blue Bottle or loafing in La Encantada Meadow and another for hiking to Mission San Pedro Martir or relaxing in Alcatraz Meadow. Wood for our campfire will be plentiful, water scarce but available every day. It's easy to get lost on this vast forested tableland, so participants must be willing to stay with the group at all times. The pace will be leisurely with frequent rest stops. Anyone in good physical condition with some knapsacking experience should be able to fully enjoy this outing.

PREPARATION: Get in condition for the trip by taking several hikes and knapsack outings during the months of February and March. Conditioning is the key to your enjoyment of a knapsack trip: with it you will have the time and energy to fully appreciate the wilderness around you; without it, you will be too exhausted to enjoy anything. Break in your lug-soled hiking boots well before the trip; nothing can more ruin the enjoyment of a knapsack trip than blistered feet caused by stiff new boots.

You will need a Mexican Tourist Card to drive to the Meling Ranch. Obtain it before the trip at any Mexican consulate or tourism office. (In Los Angeles: Mexican Tourism Bureau, 3106 Wilshire Blvd.)

Since there is tetanus (lockjaw) danger if wounds occur where stock have been, trip members are strongly urged to consult their physicians regarding the advisability of immunization.

EQUIPMENT: A 20-pound weight limit for personal gear will be enforced. Weigh your pack before the trip to avoid delays at the roadhead. The pamphlet "Outing Equipment Check List", sent with your reservation acknowledgement, will help you to choose your equipment wisely.

Bring your own eating utensils - usually a soup spoon, jack knife, and one or two cups. The central first aid kit is for major emergencies only: bring your own supply of tape, bandages, aspirin, moleskin, insect repellent, sunburn cream, etc. for routine difficulties. Wear lug-soled boots and have a hat. Each participant should have a compass.

Be prepared to carry sufficient water to last from morning to night. Two one-quart canteens should be sufficient for most people.



We may encounter heat, cold or rain. A down sleeping bag and at least a tube tent will be required.

Opportunities for washing clothes are limited. Bring extra socks and other clothes. Have clean clothes in the car to wear home. Cans of drinks, etc. left in the car are particularly welcome after the trip.

CONDUCT OF THE OUTING: Trip members will help with cooking, dishwashing, garbage disposal and wood gathering. The Camping Manners for Wilderness sheet gives a summary of conservation practices. It will be particularly important to avoid pollution of the few streams which exist in this area. In order to minimize impact on the country there will be only one central campfire at each of our campsites.

*(After you have applied for the trip)*

TO QUALIFY: Please furnish the leader with the following information so that both he and you can be sure that you are prepared for the trip:

1. Age and sex.
2. Do you have lug-soled boots?
3. Do you have a down sleeping bag?
4. State type of knapsack or packframe.
5. Describe any recent knapsacking experience -- indicate weight carried, maximum daily mileage, elevation gain and type of terrain covered. List any recent Club-sponsored knapsack trips.
6. Indicate what conditioning trips you plan to take.
7. Do you have any dietary or medical conditions that would require special consideration?

TRANSPORTATION: Individual trip participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the roadhead. The leader will try to help trip members get in touch with each other so they can drive together, if they wish, on a share-expense basis. If you have already applied for the trip and have received confirmation from the Club office, indicate on the transportation postcard enclosed in the reservation packet whether you need or can provide a ride and send it to the leader. Financial arrangements are to be made between drivers and riders, with 2¢ per mile per passenger being the common rate of reimbursement. Car pools will be formed about three weeks before the trip. Driving and meeting details will be given in the Departure Bulletin, issued three weeks before the trip. Do not contact the Club office regarding transportation arrangements for the trip.

ITINERARY: Our 50-plus mile knapsack trip will follow a great semicircle route around the high tableland of the Sierra de San Pedro Martir. Most of the trip will be over faint cattle trails, with some cross country. Following is the tentative schedule for the seven days.

Sunday, March 26: Meet 8 a.m. at Meling Ranch. Drive up improved dirt observatory road to Oak Pasture junction, where half of the cars will be left. In the remaining vehicles, continue to Vallecitos meadow where the knapsack trip begins. Knapsack 5 miles to Los Llanitos for first night's camp. Possible waterless campsite.

Monday, March 27: Knapsack 7 miles to La Encantada meadow, the largest on the plateau. Water at campsite.

Tuesday, March 28: Layover day. Climb Blue Bottle. 10 miles round trip, or relax in camp.



Wednesday, March 29: Knapsack 8 miles to El Alcatraz meadow. Probable water at campsite.

Thursday, March 30: Layover day. Hike down to Mission San Pedro Martir ruins and back, 12 miles round trip, or relax in camp.

Friday, March 31: Knapsack 8 miles through La Grulla Meadow to La Zanja stream. Cold water.

Saturday, April 1: Knapsack 7 miles to Oak Pasture roadhead. Shuttle drivers up to cars at Vallecitos, then drive down to Meling Ranch and home.

This itinerary is subject to minor changes.

EMERGENCIES: In case of accident or illness, the Club through the leader will attempt to provide aid and arrange evacuation when necessary or desirable. Costs of specialized means of evacuation, such as helicopters, and of medical care beyond first aid are the financial responsibility of the ill or injured person.

Unanswered questions should be directed to the leader. Financial arrangements are to be handled with the Sierra Club office., 220 Bush Street, San Francisco, Ca 94104. All other arrangements are to be made with the leader.

The full trip fee must be paid by two months before trip departure date in order to avoid cancellation in favor of someone on the waiting list. If you find it necessary to cancel, please inform the club office as soon as possible.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING LIST:

Where the Old West Never Died, by Paul Sanford, The Naylor Company, San Antonio, Texas, 1969

Camping and Climbing in Baja, by John W. Robinson, La Siesta Press, Glendale, Ca, 1967

A Departure Bulletin will give last minute information and directions three weeks before the trip.

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